

Elmer proposed, realizing in doing so that you are taking away the only hammer we really had on shared states' liability, guaranteed shared liability with our sister states, and we will continue to trust their good faith as they are trusting our good faith as we move through this process and we're slowly but surely making this a little bit better. I would ask for your support for my amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Morrissey's closing. We will now vote on the amendment to the amendment offered by Senator Morrissey. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Morrissey's amendment to Senator Elmer's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. Now we're back on the amendment by Senator Elmer as amended. Discussion on the amendment. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that during the discussion on the introduction of the bill, the introduction of the original amendment, and during the talk about the amendment to the amendment that we have explained fully what we are doing. There will be some questions because we are really not sure whether what we're doing here is really what we need to do. But the arguments that have been put forth do seem to indicate that this is...that we can do this. And I believe we do need to support and have a united front with the Legislature and our executive branch to the greatest extent possible when we're talking about the facility that's going to be built, at least somewhere. And I would simply ask that people understand we're going to be doing quite a lot of research between now and Select and ask that we advance the bill as amended at this time to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey, did you wish to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, again, I would rise to support the amendment. It's something that's been needed and I'm glad we're finally starting to realize that some of these liability questions are very real. The costs of assuming the liability to this waste should not be transferred to the citizens. And this language that Senator Elmer is now